

Title: Mr. Speaker made an observation regarding the business transacted by the House during the week ending 6.5.2005.

12.02 hrs.

OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

Re: Business transacted during the previous week

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, for your information, I want to briefly recapitulate the main items of business transacted by the House during the previous week, that is, from 2nd to 6th May, 2005.

Out of the 100 Starred Questions admitted, 21 were answered orally. Replies to the remaining Starred Questions along with the replies to 955 Unstarred Questions were laid on the Table.

Hon. Members raised 56 matters under Rule 377. Besides, 57 matters of urgent public importance were raised after the Question Hour.

After a thorough discussion which lasted for over 10 hours 21 minutes, spread over three days, in which as many as 32 Members participated, the House passed the Finance Bill, 2005. The House also devoted over 4 hours 14 minutes to the consideration and passing of important Legislative business, namely, the Government of Union Territories and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2005; the Navy (Amendment) Bill, 2005, as passed by Rajya Sabha; the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Bill, 2005, as passed by Rajya Sabha; and the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2005.

The House spent 6 hours 35 minutes on the Short Duration Discussion under Rule 193 regarding Electoral Reforms.

Two Private Members' Resolutions were discussed. One moved by Shri P.K. Vasudevan Nair, on 16th July, 2004 was discussed and negatived; and the other moved by Shri C.K. Chandrappan, remained part-discussed.

The Departmentally-Related Standing Committees presented 12 Reports to the House.

Hon. Members, during the previous week, the House sat late for as many as 4 hours 50 minutes to transact essential business.